

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for consideration given this case. In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 23-30 are allowable. Accordingly, solely to expedite allowance of this application, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-22. Applicant specifically reserves the right to pursue the subject matter presented in the cancelled claims in one or more continuation, continuation-in-part or divisional applications. Therefore, Applicant submits that the pending claims (claims 23-30) are in condition for final allowance and respectfully requests that the pending claims be passed to issue.

35 U.S.C. § 102/103

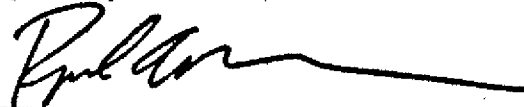
Claims 1-9, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,772,905 (Chou '905). Claims 1-9, 21 and 22 have been cancelled rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for final allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0436 for any additional fees that may be due in connection with this response.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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